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Fall/Winter 2021/2022 NCTA Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2021

1. Roll Call

Representatives from the following schools were present:

American University
Brown University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
U. Texas Austin
U. Vermont
U. Washington
U. Wisconsin Madison

NCTA Officers Present:

President Dan Chuang, VP Sung Kim, TC Chair Tara Sarathi, Referee Co-Chairs Jaime Schulte & Mike Wickham, Medical Adviser Dr. Sherri Lashomb, Coaching Co-Chair Joe Van.

2. President's Remarks

President Chuang spoke said that since the last meeting, the NCTA held a successful Fall National Collegiate Taekwondo Online Poomsae Tournament, created the Return to Play document, held a joint online workout, and several announcements regarding Summer World University Games selection. Currently the organization is planning a Spring National Online Collegiate Taekwondo Poomsae Tournament.

3. Referee Update

Co-Chairs Jaime Schulte and Mike Wickham noted that the referees have become accustomed to online poomsae events and that the format has matured, and are looking forward to future successful events.

4. Taekwondo Return to Play Document update



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Dr. Lashomb mentioned that Coach Van was able to gear document towards collegiate experiences. Coach Joe Van mentioned that it was a big asset for creating leverage with University and that Dr. Lashomb was able to provide valuable medical input. Coach Chuang mentioned that the document was helpful in allowing paddle kicking at the institute. Both Coach Van and Coach Chuang said that they were allowed to

5. NCTA Spring Tournament Discussion (4/17)

TC Chair Sarathi mentioned that the Fall tournament was successful - over 100 competitors. For the new tournament, a new free target sparring drill format is being introduced. Some brainstorming included length of sparring round, list of required elements, using alternative targets to maximize social distancing.

6. Regional Tournament Update

Pacwest (3/6) - Husky Taekwondo Virtual Games on 3/6. New sparring divisions were a success - perhaps a kick counter for the scoring division, and different language than "expression of ki" could be used like "sparring realism or dynamicism".

ECTC (3/20) - 18 schools are signed up to compete on 3/20. Last fall had 200 competitors, this spring will be a comparable number.

ACATA (3/27) - Including a kicking challenge that doesn't require targets but includes short choreographed sequences for head-to-head competition.

7. SWUG selection status

President Chuang mentioned that the status of SWUG was undetermined and that USIUSF had suspended its selection procedures until April 1.

8. Other Business

Coach Van asked for more news on a potential fall in-person event. President Chuang responded that he had spoken to former President Ahn about a possible event at UC Berkeley, but that nothing was confirmed yet. The time frame would likely be late Oct. or early Nov.

The idea was brought up about a possible Tiktok challenge for NCTA schools to encourage enthusiasm and to give the athletes something positive to focus on.

Referee Co-Chairs Jaime Schulte and Michael Wickham noted that the NCTA had done a good job pioneering the new online format and that things were going smoothly from the referee perspective, with the feeling that the live online competitions were a good approximation of the in-person experience.



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Medical Adviser Dr. Sherri Lashomb was asked about necessary steps to holding an in-person tournament. As the first tournaments are being held the progress of the COVID variants will determine feasibility, and she noted that we cannot require vaccines from participants as they are not fully FDA-approved.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.